

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2022*

**Statement on Senate Passage of the Respect for Marriage Act**  
*November 29, 2022*

With today's bipartisan Senate passage of the Respect for Marriage Act, the United States is on the brink of reaffirming a fundamental truth: Love is love, and Americans should have the right to marry the person they love. For millions of Americans, this legislation will safeguard the rights and protections to which LGBTQI+ and interracial couples and their children are entitled. It will also ensure that, for generations to follow, LGBTQI+ youth will grow up knowing that they, too, can lead full, happy lives and build families of their own.

Importantly, the Senate's passage of the Respect for Marriage Act is a bipartisan achievement. I'm grateful to the determined Members of Congress—especially Senators Baldwin, Collins, Portman, Sinema, Tillis, and Feinstein—whose leadership has underscored that Republicans and Democrats together support the essential right of LGBTQI+ and interracial couples to marry. I look forward to welcoming them at the White House after the House passes this legislation and sends it to my desk, where I will promptly and proudly sign it into law.

NOTE: The statement referred to H.R. 8404.

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